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Rhodes Room expands historic collection

NEWTON—Catawba County Library System has enhanced its genealogical and historical collection recently.

Alex Floyd, associate librarian for the Rhodes Room, reports that most of the new materials relate to North Carolina and the Southeast with emphasis on filling in gaps in the North Carolina border areas.

“The strategy is to make the collection as complete as possible and to respond to requests by our customers,” he said. Special attention is paid to areas from which settlers came from or went to from Catawba County.

Among recent acquisitions are court minutes and records for Mecklenburg and Wilkes counties as well as for colonial Maryland.

Land records for Haywood County, NC, Wythe, Augusta and Rockingham counties in VA, Edgefield County, SC, and Mecklenburg County, NC are now in the collection.

Local researchers will appreciate two new books, *A Pictorial History of Alexander County*, and *A Century Of Achievement: Startown School. Catawba County Divorce Records 1869-1927* is available on microfilm.

Ethnic-specific volumes include *Eastern Cherokee Census 1923-1929*, *African American Genealogy: A Bibliography and Guide to Sources* and *Scottish-German Links 1550-1850*.

Floyd said that the historic map collection is growing too. Recently acquired are *Catawba County Maps 1911-1946 and 1946-1954*, as well as G. P. Stout maps for several North Carolina counties. These detailed Stout maps, prepared for historical research, provide information about historic sites, townships, and communities.

Serendipity provides some needed materials. Individuals and groups continue to provide books in memory or in honor of loved ones. Two recent examples include books donated by the

Catawba County Genealogical Society in memory of Evelyn Rhodes and Dr. John Fletcher Andrews. Groups or individuals wishing to make donations should contact Floyd for suggestions.

Named for the late Evelyn Deal Rhodes, a local historian and long-time librarian, the Rhodes Room is a repository of historical materials relating to Catawba County, the state and region. Hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.



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